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THE WEATHER.

Oregon and Washington—Generally fair and warmer.

TRUANCY: A CIVIC CURSE.

It is a demonstrable fact that 10 per cent, and over, of the school children of Astoria are truants in that acceptance of the term which implies that that number of children of scholastic age never enter the doors of her public schools. Over 300 youngsters, in the main, are allowed to run wild on the streets, picking up a vast lot of vicious knowledge that will damn the most of them to careers of idleness and vice, if not to greater extremities and penal levels.

The fact remains that truancy is a civic curse. It denies the State the use and service of a great horde of people who might be of value in every line of citizenship if it were made the most of in its inception, and gives it instead, a burden of incompetence and inability to bear, far exceeding the ratios of gratitude and good sense; it brings the child through courses of sin and ignorance to that majority which is supposed to be charged with responsibilities and prerogatives of the citizen, utterly unable to appreciate or apply them, and nullifies the best principles of constitutional liberty at all points, since a vicious, ignorant, unuseable citizen is a menace at all times.

It is to be hoped the police of Astoria will take large interest in the authority given them in this behalf, by the new truancy statutes of the State, and do all they may to redeem a very ugly situation; they will be doing a greater service than perhaps they realize, and society and the people generally will appreciate their work; nor does the trust lie with the Astoria police force altogether; every agency of authority in the realm should be invoked to the minimizing of this deplorable condition. But we can do our share, and will!

THE TOWN MEETING.

In the course of conversation with a good citizen, lately, upon the difficulties of attempting to amalgamate the people of a community upon some basis of public action, and especially of the interference of the political element in matters that are purely economic, he adverted to the famous old "town-meeting" of our forefathers and declared it might yet be used with significant success in cities of this size. This man is a devoted Socialist and has the interest of Astoria deeply at heart, no man more so, and his suggestion gave the writer a cue as to the expediency of the simple, honest and old-fashioned medium of expression and interchange of interests that are not nearly so widely divided as some suppose. At all events, the idea is worth putting forward, whether it shall be acted on or not.

The essence of the town meeting is its faculty for bringing men together who rarely meet and who never realize the varying claims and interests that exist, aside from their own individual views and concerns with regard to public matters. It is productive of the neighborly sentiment, and makes for mutual understanding; it is an open forum and gives the humblest citizen a chance to be heard; it reveals at first hand the real ideas that prevail and are lost in the turmoil and shuffle of politics, and

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simplifies the work of ascertaining genuine public sentiment. It is not a bad thing to indulge once in a while, when a community has suffered for want of a general understanding of its own wants and shortcomings.

We would be glad to see something attempted along this line and believe that Astoria would waken sharply to complete sense of her needs and her people would become acquainted with that fact that "there are others."

NOT ALL FAIR SAILING.

America's beautiful fleet of battle-ships and stalwart sailors are not having an unbroken course of peace and pleasure; there are other things to face in the superb itinerary they are following; storms and gales and bitter stresses of weather, loss of life and limb, and the fear always of losing one or more of the splendid vessels they are serving. For the sea is not respecter of flags nor shops nor men, and at its worst demands the sacrifice of the best and ablest and stoutest.

They are just emerging from a typhonic gale to enter the welcoming gates of the Japanese empire, and they will drop their anchors in peaceful and friendly waters, with all signs of disaster and loss removed; they will be spick and span and glorious as ever, despite the tough handling of old Neptune. But these mariners never for an instant forget the challenge and perils of the deep; nor do we of the sea-faring cities of the land they sailed from; our pride is blended deeply with anxiety, for ship-wreck and sea dangers are old, old stories with us, and ever present.

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This city will have many Diapep-



"CALL TAFT; HE KNOWS."

"THE BRIDGE OF SIGHS."

A Rare Gem in Moving Pictures That is Drawing Large Crowds to the Grand Theatre.

"One more unfortunate,
Weary of breath
Rashly importunate
Gone to her death!"

THE WHOLE WORLD KIN—Hood's poem, so universally appreciated, has inspired a picture that grasps the heart, compels our sympathies, and draws the ties of the human family closer.

A LITTLE EDEN—"Far from the maddening crowd"—A peaceful country home—A devoted father—The "Serpent" enters—A stranger at the gate—A glass of water, and a chat—Innocence flattered.

IN THE TOILS—Stranger lingers

sin cranks, as some people will call them, but you will be cranky about this splendid stomach prescription, too, if you ever have Indigestion or Gastritis or any other Stomach misery, and eat just one Triangle of Diapepsin.

—Father forbids him coming—Clan-destine meetings—Girl infatuated—Elopement planned—Girl leaves home—He swears eternal constancy—They depart for the city.

THE GIDED CAGE—Rooms in the city—A false life—Hollow happiness—Neglect and indifference—Promises broken—Final desertion—A dark future.

THE DREAM ENDED—Alone in a great city—Helpless, friendless, inexperienced—Everything sold, or pawned for food—She seeks work—Turned into the street.

"HOME—SHE HAD NONE!"—Hopeless wandering—Sinks lower and lower—The bitter dregs—She sees her lover, and his new mistress—Her last appeal roughly repulsed.

"THE BRIDGE OF SIGHS"—Crouching in dark corners—The gay throng passes heedless—Bitter memories, and keen remorse—Starvation weakens—The rushing tide invites to rest—The plunge made.

AT REST!—Borne onward by the river—Rough, but sympathetic hands left her tenderly—Past human help—To the Morgue—Young clergyman reverently crosses her hands—Peace at last!

THE GOOD SHEPHERD—The cold moonlight streams across her face—It is transformed—As the moon light fades, the vision of Christ appears with an attitude of infinite pity, and a look of Benediction.

The above is a synopsis of "The Bridge of Sighs" a beautiful picture that is now being shown at the popular Grand moving picture house. In addition to this feature film the following program is presented:

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